



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Terrence W. Schmidt
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MISSION MODULE SWAPPING
IN A VESSEL
Serial No.: 10/712,987 Confirmation No.: 7342
Filing Date: November 12, 2003
Examiner: Olson, Lars A. Group Art Unit: 3617
Attorney Docket No.: 1934-8-3

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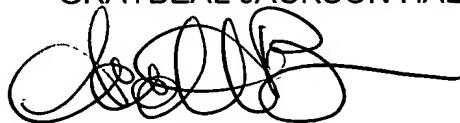
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 15, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.